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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MECKING et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1615

Title: MEDICAL-TECHNOLOGY PRODUCT, PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION,

AND USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph number 15 on page 4 of the specification as per attached with this preliminary amendment. A copy of the amended portion of the specification is attached indicating the proposed specification amendment.